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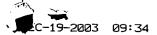
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REQUEST FOR REFUND

Dear Sir:

Please note that a copy of the patent in single column format, the executed Declaration and Check No. 128870 to cover the filing fees were included at filing of the above application. No request has been received to pay filing fees or file a Declaration after the filing of the above application.

The Notice to File Missing Parts of Reissue Application mailed August 11, 2003 requested that the copy of the patent be in double column format. In addition, the Notice indicated that \$65.00 late oath or declaration surcharge was due. In a telephone conference with the Initial Patent Examination Division, the undersigned was informed that there had been computer problems and that was why \$65.00 surcharge was included in error in the Notice and was not required. See the enclosed copy of the Response.

However, on October 21, 2003, Deposit Acct 501188 was charged \$65.00 under fee code 2051. Therefore, refund of the \$65.00 charge is respectfully requested.

If there is any questions relating to the above or if there is any reason why the \$65.00 cannot be refunded in full, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted by telephone.

Serial No. 09/771,243

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Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF REISSUE APPLICATION

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this reissue application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The reissue specification has not been provided in the form of a copy of the printed patent. Each page should be in double-column format and on only one side of each sheet of paper, as is required by 37 CFR 1.173(a)(1).

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$65 for a Small Entity

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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the enclosed PART 2 - NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF REISSUE APPLICATION, enclosed is a copy of the reissue specification in double column format.

Confirming a telephonic conference with the Initial Patent Examination Division, it was agreed that the \$65 Late oath or declaration surcharge is not required. However, in the unlikely event that it is believed still required, authorization to charge Deposit Account 50-1188 is hereby given. In that event, a request for refund of the surcharge is also made as being improper.

If there is any obstacles to passing this application onto examination, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted by telephone.

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